

State Governments would be following these textbooks.]

Open Drains in Janakpiiri

708. SHRI AWADHESWAR PRASAD SINHA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state-

(a) the number of open drains in Janakpuri, New Delhi and by when these drains are proposed to be covered; and

(b) by when the sewer lines of the said colony are proposed to be connected with the main sewer line ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI K. RAGHURA-MAIAH): (a) The length of drains in Janakpuri is near about 175723 meters. There is no proposal to cover any storm water drain at present.

(b) The sewer lines of the area are already connected with the main sewer through a pumping station. However, direct connection with the new sewer, under construction will be made as soon as pending matters are settled.

Export of Potato Grown in Uttar Pradesh

709. SHRI KASIM ALI ABID :
SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA :
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM :
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30,000 tonnes of potato are likely to be exported this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has been asked to procure at least 25,000 tonnes of potato in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that due to delay in taking the decision, the benefit is likely to go to the middle men and not to the growers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) The National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation has been entrusted with the responsibility of purchasing and exporting about 30,000 tonnes of potato during the year.

(b) and (c) In the interest of the growers, as early as on 9th February, 1976, the Government authorised the Food Corporation of India to make commercial purchases of certain varieties of potato upto 25,000 tonnes at the prevailing market prices, subject to a maximum price ceiling laid down for this purpose.

Project of National Importance for Students

710. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that a scheme requiring students to engage themselves in a project of national importance after taking their first degree is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c) A" statement is attached.

Statement

Under the National Service Scheme, students are involved in a variety of projects of national importance. The scope of the projects which may be undertaken under NSS is being redefined with a view to emphasizing the role of students in the implementation of some of the important